

# Ridgewood Public Schools Unified Group



**Program Overview**  
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## *SPO MISSION STATEMENT*



**To model dignity and empathy while providing support to students with special needs in recognizing and using their abilities, skills, and strengths to foster independence and success as lifelong learners and productive members of an inclusive community.**

# The Unified Umbrella

## UNIFIED GROUP



Unified  
Sports



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Unified



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# UNIFIED SPORTS



## What are Unified Sports?

\*Unified Sports is currently being sponsored by Special Olympics New Jersey. Unified Sports is a social inclusion program that brings together students with and without disabilities to train and play together in a variety of sporting events.

**Past Events:** Soccer (in conjunction with RHS Girls Soccer Team), Basketball (in conjunction with RHS Boys and Girls Basketball Teams), Spring Track and Field, Bowling (Team Competitions), Skills Clinics, etc.

## Upcoming Events:

Track (All Ages): April 4th (6:30-7:30pm at BF), April 11th (6:30-7:30pm at BF), April 18th (6:30-7:30pm at BF), April 25th (6:30-7:30pm at BF)

Karaoke Night (All Ages): May 9th (6:30-7:30pm at Travell)



# FRIENDS OF UNIFIED

## **What is Friends of Unified?**

\*Friends of Unified is a subgroup of our Unified Group that is centered around community involvement and inclusion. Friends of Unified plans in school and after school community based trips for students of all ages and abilities. This is a new addition to our Unified Group and is a student led club at RHS.

**Past Events:** Lunch and Recess Partnership at Ridge School, BF Halloween Haunted House, Ridge School Bingo Night, Ornament Decorating, etc.

**Upcoming Events:** April 12th (Lunch & Recess at Ridge), Community Trip (Date TBD)

# UNIFIED EVENTS



## What are Unified Events?

\*Unified Events are inclusion based events that fall outside the realm of team sports. These events vary throughout the year and are centered around building an inclusive community and includes students who may not be interested in team sports but want to get involved in Unified.

**Past Events:** Week of Inclusion, Activities Skills Clinic, Gingerbread House Building, Movie Night, Cupcake Fundraisers, Polar Plunge, Don Bosco Musical, Field Day, etc.

**Future Events:** Field Day (end of June), Movie Night (Spring)





# WHAT'S NEXT???



## **Goals:**

1. Continue to expand our Unified Group and build inclusive programs within our community.
2. Become financially self-sufficient to support Unified programs.

## **Future Plans for Unified:**

- \*Implement a Unified advisor in each building across the district.
- \*District Wide Week of Inclusion
- \*Increase Participation in Elementary Schools



# JOIN UNIFIED GROUP SPOT!

## DIRECTIONS:

1. DOWNLOAD THE APP ON YOUR PHONE
2. SELECT "JOIN A GROUP"
3. ENTER THE CODE: DXFS
4. WAIT TO BE ACCEPTED INTO GROUP

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